

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Latin Catholics as Conciliation Officers.

2. **Mr. James Fletcher** (*Kalkulam and Vilavankod cum Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many Latin Catholics are there as Conciliation Officers?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no Latin Catholic among the Conciliation Officers.

Latin Catholics in the General Secretariat.

3. **Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Latin Catholics in the General Secretariat?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: Six.

Transport Buses on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil road.

4. **Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of transport buses now used on the Trivandrum-Nagercoil road;

(b) the number of buses allowed to ply for hire on the road and

(c) the number of buses kept on the reserve?

Mr. K. Sankaran (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (a) 26.

(b) Nil.

(c) 12½ per cent. of the number allocated for service.

Statement, by caste, of the officers in the Transport Department.

5. **Mr. E. K. Kuripe** (*Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the officers in the Transport Department with information as to the number among them that belong to the taluks of Muvattupuzha, Kunnatnad and Parur, their names and the pay they are receiving?

Mr. K. Sankaran: The member is referred to the answers at pages 100 to 105 of Vol. XII No. 3 of the Proceedings of the Sri Mulam Assembly.

Latin Catholics in the Financial Secretariat.

6. **Mr. James Fletcher**: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Latin Catholics employed in the Financial Secretariat?

Mr. S. Sundararajan (*Financial Secretary to Government*): One.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION *RE.* EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF THE COUNCIL.

President: I have received a short notice question as follows:

"Will the Government be pleased to state whether the term of the Sri Chitra State Council is extended and if so what is the period?"

Apparently, this question has been rendered necessary in view of the statements made elsewhere. But there is no difference in the case of the State Council and the Assembly on this matter. The period and the time has not been fixed ; but that will be notified very shortly.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* WAR.

President : I have also received notice of an adjournment motion of some importance relating to war. I am sure this House will give the honourable member leave to move the motion. The motion runs thus :—

“This Council do place on record the determination of India and this State in particular to render help in the conflict that is now being waged against a regime of stark force and offer their hearty co-operation to His Gracious Highness the Maharaja's Government in all their efforts towards the successful prosecution of the War and the maintenance of internal peace and order”.

As no member has objected to leave being given, the honourable member can move the adjournment motion.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai : Sir, I need hardly add anything more than reading the motion that is before the House. The motion is this :—

“This Council do place on record the determination of India and this State in particular to render help in the conflict that is now being waged against a regime of stark force and offer their hearty co-operation to His Gracious Highness the Maharaja's Government in all their efforts towards the successful prosecution of the War and the maintenance of internal peace and order.”

It is not necessary for me to say anything by way of commending this motion for the acceptance of this House. I need only formally move it for the acceptance of the House. When His Gracious Highness the Maharaja, true to the traditions of our Royal Family offered all the resources of the State as a means of helping Great Britain in her fight against the Nazi menace, it can be taken for granted that every loyal citizen of the State has agreed to that and will contribute all that is possible whether as a mark of loyalty or as a mark of offering on behalf of the State. There is no meaning in saying that the War does not affect us. It has become clearer to every one without explanation that the war and the repercussions of the war affect every one of us. Therefore we cannot shirk our responsibility nor do we mean to do so. And so it is my humble prayer to you, Sir, to convey to His Gracious Highness that the people of this State without any distinction of caste,